# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

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PILED UP SHIPPING DOCUMENTS AT CUSTOMS HOUSES
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a large number of shipping documents have piled up in the custom houses in the country and particularly in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are aware of its adverse effect on the shipping companies and importers; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to resolve the problem?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government has introduced the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system - a fully automated customs clearance system, for filing and clearance of export and import documents. A system of remote filing of declarations from the premises of die exporter and importer has also been introduced. The procedure for transshipment and examination oi cargo has been simplified. The above measures are intended to reduce the time taken foi customs clearance of expoa / import cargo and expeditious processing of export and import documents.